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Sir:

This is a response to the non-final office action mailed on January 21, 2004, concerning the captioned patent application.

The amendments presented below comply with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments to the claims, specification and drawings of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.